THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a)The Minister of Textiles has proposed a provision of Rs. 53 crores towards modernisation of the British India Corporation Limited group o Companies as a part of its proposals for the 8th Five Year Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The main reasons for the low performance of the BIC group of companies have been severe working capital constraints, obsolete plant and machinery, non-availability of essential raw material, heavy interest burden, high cost of production, etc. There is no proposal under consderation at present to restructure the management of the BIC group of companies, as the interests of the Government are adequately represented.

[*Translation*]

Investment by LIC

3906. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total assets of the Life Insurance Corporation of India;

(b) the sectors in which it has made investment and the amount invested in each sector;

(c) the profit earned by it on the investments during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990- 91;

(d) the amount earned by it on account of cancellation oi new policies which expired for non-payment of investments;

(e) whether there is any proposal to restructure the LIC; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) LIC's total assets as on 31.3.1991 was Rs 29, 518.98 crores.

(b) Sector -wise investment of LIC (other than loans on policies and loan on personal security) as on 31.3.1991 is as follows:

		(Rs. in crores)
(i)	Public Sector	19,979.76
(ii)	Co-op. Sector	1,444.47
(iii)	Private Sector	165.21
(iv)	Joint Sector and others	3,310.21
	TOTAL:	24,899.65

(c) LIC is a long-term investor and does not engage in request purchases and sale of assets. However, as a part of market operations, it has realised profit on sales made for the last 3 years as under:

Year	*Amount (Rs. in crores)*
1988-89	31.22
1989-90	21.18
1990-91	54.74

(d) There is no earning on cancellation of new policies if they lapse before payment of premium consecutively for 3 years, since the expenses incurred by the Corporation in the first year in connection with these policies are much higher than the premiums thereunder.

(e) No, Sir.